



Watling Street School Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 4.

This term we will be learning all about:

Numeracy—In Numeracy this term we will be covering several different topics, including: number and place value, addition and subtraction, properties of shape, multiplication and division, position and direction, fractions, decimals, mass and time.

Literacy—In Literacy this term we will be reading, investigating and writing a variety of different text types, including: diaries, biographies, narratives, audio stories and podcasts and figurative poetry.

Cornerstones—Our first Cornerstones topic this term is 'I am warrior' In this topic we will be learning all about Roman and Celtic warriors, the history of the Roman empire, Celtic forts, Queen Boudicca and Roman gladiators.

Science— Our first Science topic will be 'Sound' We will be learning all about how sounds are made, how they travel, how we can prevent them from travelling and how the ear works. Our second topic will be 'Changing State' when we will be investigating the different states of materials and how we can change materials from one to another.

RE—In RE this term we will be learning about Jewish, Christian and Hindu faiths and their similarities and differences. For each religion we will find out about the holy buildings and books, how people lead religious lives and the festivals they celebrate.

Music—We will be continuing to have Mr Bough for our 'Rock it' music this term. We will also be learning about singing different types of songs.

Computing— Our first computing topic is 'We are co-authors' where we will be learning all about Wikipedia pages and having a go at creating our own. Then we will move onto 'We are software developers' where we will be developing our own simple games.

PE—Our topics for this term will be Striking and fielding, net and wall and Swimming.

MFL— In French this term our first topic will be 'On y va' where we will be practising saying and writing the key vocabulary for the days of the week, the weather and different types of transport. We will then move on to 'Les Carnival des animaux' where we will be practising talking about animals, the time and using adjectives to describe things.

School Council

Congratulations to Latoya Waterfield and James Middleton who have been nominated our school council representatives for this year. Well done to you both!



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Important information for Year 4

- PE lessons— This term our PE lessons will be on a Monday and a Friday. Monday will be our outdoor session (the great British weather permitting of course!) so it would be great if you could provide your child with jogging or track suit bottoms and trainers as the weather starts to get a bit cooler. If I could ask you to leave the children's kits in school until half term and I will make sure they all come home to be washed during the holidays. Please remember that all long hair needs to be tied up for PE and all jewellery must be removed, we are not allowed to remove earrings so if your child struggles to take them out could you please leave them at home on these days.
- Reading books— All the children have now been provided with a new reading book and diary and I would be grateful if they could bring it into school every day. We will endeavour to change reading books in as soon as possible. If you ever feel there is a problem with your child's reading books then please write me a note in their diary and I will do my best to sort it out quickly. If you could sign the reading diaries to let me know the children have completed the book I would be very grateful.
- Homework— In Year 4 the children will be given weekly spellings to learn on Monday, these spellings will be linked to the spelling rules we will be learning in class. I will also set homework on the 'I am Learning' website. All of the children have been re-issued with their usernames and passwords but please let me know if there are any problems accessing the work.
- Water Bottles— All of the children will be encouraged to keep a water bottle on their desks during the day and will give the opportunity to fill them up before school and at playtime and dinnertime. There is a box in the classroom for the children to keep their bottles in if they wish to for overnight and at weekends. There is also a box for the children to store their lunch time drinks.
- Staff— As well as me this year, we also have Mrs Dix, Mr Powell and Mrs Daniel working in Year 4.

Australia Week

We have all been learning about Australia this week in Year 4. We had great fun learning to throw a boomerang and, finding out facts about Australia and learning about the Aboriginal tribes people. We have also created our own Aboriginal tiles for our display.

